



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Mail Stop: RCE**
Takashi KAWASUJI et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2002_0288A
Serial No. 10/069,999 : Group Art Unit 1639
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PRELIMINARY REMARKS

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Sir:

The present paper is filed concurrently with the filing of an RCE, requesting entry of the amendments set forth in the Applicants' Amendment After Final dated November 2, 2006.

Regarding the Advisory Action dated December 19, 2006, it is noted that page 2 of the Action states that the amendment to claim 7, i.e. deletion of X is optionally substituted amino, introduces the issue of new matter.

It is respectfully submitted that deletion of this limitation is not new mater. It is believed that the intention of the Examiner was to state that the amendment introduces a new issue that requires further consideration or search.

Favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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